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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM FY 1978 - LABOR

1. THE BASQUE STV (SOLIDARITY OF BASQUE WORKERS) TRADE UNION WAS HIGH ON OUR IVP LIST OF PRIORITIES LAST YEAR AND REMAINS SO IN FY 1978. THE EMBASSY HAD ANTICIPATED NOMINATING STV SECRETARY GENERAL ALFONSO ECHEVERRIA LAST FALL, BUT THE STV LEADERSHIP INFORMED US THAT HE WAS TOO DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE CURRENT LABOR PLANT ELECTIONS TO BE ABLE TO GET AWAY. IN JANUARY, THE STV PROPOSED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SENDING ECHEVERRIA TO THE U.S. IN MARCH OR APRIL. THE STV HAS NOW INFORMED LABATT THAT THE PRIORITIES OF THEIR INTERNAL REORGANIZATION DICTATE SUBSTITUTING JOSE ANTONIO MENDIZABAL MUGURUZA FOR ECHEVERRIA (WHO HOPEFULLY WOULD BE FREER TO TRAVEL THIS SUMMER). MENDIZABAL IS A 30-YEAR OLD ECONOMIST WHO HAS RECENTLY BEEN TAPPED TO HEAD THE STV'S GABINETE TECNICO (A POSITION PERHAPS EQUIVALENT TO A COMBINED ADMINISTRATIVE-TECHNICAL OFFICE MANAGER FOR THE UNION). HE SPEAKS ENGLISH.

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2. IN VIEW OF THE HIGH PRIORITY THE STV IS GIVING ITS ADMINISTRATIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL CONSOLIDATION EFFORTS FOLLOWING ITS EXCELLENT SHOWING IN THE PLANT ELECTIONS IN THE BASQUE REGION, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES MENDIZABAL WOULD BENEFIT FROM EXPOSURE TO THE U.S. LABOR SCENE AT THIS TIME AND THEREFORE IS PLEASED TO NOMINATE HIM. A PROPOSED ONE-MONTH STAY COULD COMMENCE APRIL 17 (DEPARTURE

APRIL 16). IRVING BROWN (EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE, AFL-CIO) HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A POSSIBLE U.S. VISIT BY MENDIZABAL, INDICATING THAT THE AFL-CIO WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE HIM FOR A WEEK OR SO AT THEIR WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS. OTHER SUGGESTED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WILL FOLLOW. AS INDICATED ABOVE, EMBASSY WOULD CONSIDER NOMINATING ECHEVERRIA (STV'S THIRD-RANKING OFFICER) AT A LATER DATE.

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